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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/944,344
Filing Date	September 04, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shiroshi MATSUKI, et al.
Group Art Unit	1753
Examiner Name	Edna Wong
Attorney Docket Number	50352-020

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other _____
 - Enclosed
 - Amendment/Reply
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - Other _____
- Miscellaneous**
 - Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - Other _____
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
 - RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00
 - Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - Other (additional claims, etc.)
- Check in the amount of \$___ enclosed
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PATENT

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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Shiroshi MATSUKI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9915
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Serial No.: 09/944,344	:	Group Art Unit: 1753
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Filed: September 04, 2001	:	Examiner: Edna Wong
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For: MATERIAL FOR COPPER ELECTROPLATING, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME AND COPPER ELECTROPLATING METHOD		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.